

Gonzales Independent School District
Dress and Grooming Code (All Grade Levels)

The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, and obscene, that advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages of any kind, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under school policy. It prohibits any dress or grooming that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to interfere with normal school operations.

The dress code applies any time a student is on campus during a normal school day and any time a student is involved in an event or extra-curricular activity that represents Gonzales ISD. Co-curricular and extra-curricular uniforms will be specified by the sponsors of organizations and approved to meet GISD Standard of Excellency by the campus principal.

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

☐ Clothing

1. Shorts, skorts, dresses and skirts should be to the knee and appropriate for the school setting. Decency when sitting shall be a prime factor in determining appropriateness for the school setting.
2. Miniskirts, leggings, tight shorts, tights, cut-offs, wind shorts, nylon, athletic, or wind pants are not acceptable. Leggings may be worn under dresses or skirts of appropriate length. Biker shorts may not be worn; including jean shorts that are tight and rolled up. Boxer or spandex shorts are not acceptable as outer wear and must not be visible.
3. School appropriate shirts are: Collared Polo shirts, T-shirts (must have a hemmed neckline) deemed appropriate (in item 8 and 9 below), and collared button front straight hem (front and back of shirt same length) shirts may be worn un-tucked; however, the shirts cannot extend below the top of the back pockets.
4. PK-12 Gonzales Apache spirit shirts, brand name t-shirts, athletic shirts, appropriate college shirts, and school organization shirts may be worn.
5. PK-4 students may wear t-shirts and shirts that depict caricatures (examples: Winnie the Pooh, Cinderella, clowns, balloons, flowers, etc.); however, shirts may not depict inappropriate caricatures (dragons, snakes, swords, etc.).
6. All clothing that shows undergarments is unacceptable, including clothing with conspicuously low necklines and/or low backs.
7. Sagging pants (pants worn below the waist) will not be allowed. Belts will be worn in grades 5-12 for all male students. Pants must be hemmed, not frayed and without holes.
8. Oversized clothing or coats may not be worn. Sweaters sweat shirts, and jackets must not fall below the back pockets.
9. Clothing such as undergarments, muscle shirts, halter-tops, cropped shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, and clothing that shows a bare midriff or cleavage.
10. Clothing that displays violence, obscenity, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under policy FNCF (L), is prohibited.
11. Any other attire that disrupts the educational process as determined by a school administrator is prohibited.
12. No cargo pants allowed.
13. Students may wear CYFL Apache jerseys and cheerleader uniforms on Fridays during football season.

14. Additional dress code guidelines are required by D.A.E.P. They may be obtained from the campus principal.

☒ Footwear

1. House shoes, distracting, or unsafe shower shoes (flip flops) will not be allowed.
2. Cleats may not be worn in any school building. Shoes with built-in skates or wheels (healies) are not permitted in any building unless wheels have been removed.
3. Bare feet and metal taps are not acceptable.
4. Primary and Elementary aged students are required to wear closed toe shoes to support safety during P.E. and recess activities. If wearing sandals of any kind, please send closed toe shoes for these age groups.

☒ Hair

1. Hair must be neat and clean. Boys' hair must not extend below the top of the collar of a dress shirt, below the bottom of the ear, or over the eyes.
2. Any hairstyle, which by its appearance causes a disruption of any kind, as determined by a school administrator, is unacceptable.
3. Males must be clean-shaven if facial hair is noticeable. Sideburns cannot extend below bottom of the ear.

☒ Jewelry

1. Garments that have spikes (bracelets, necklaces, belts, etc.) are not permitted.
2. Males may not wear earrings. Females may wear earrings. No other body piercing jewelry of any kind will be accepted.

☒ Accessories

1. No student on school property or at any school activity shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell clothing, jewelry, emblem, badge, symbols, sign or other things, which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang.
2. Students shall not be permitted to wear hats, caps, sunglasses, sweatbands, or other disrupting apparel in any building on campus during school hours.
3. The school, advisor, or sponsor of any specific activity or function may impose additional guidelines.
4. All tattoos will be covered at all times.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, Gonzales ISD Student Handbook until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.